Financial Assistance to West Bengal

2607. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to State:

(a) whether the Union Government have decided to provide financial assistance to the Government of West Bengal to tide over its financial distress;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the time by which decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) to (c). Usual flow of funds on account of share in Central taxes, Central assistance for State Plan schemes (excluding Rs. 135 crores shown as special plan loan subject to approval of Ministry of Finance), small savings loan, plan revenue deficit grant, Centre's contribution to State Calamity Relief Fund and Centrally sponsored schemes is being made to the State. Whenever necessary, some advance releases of State's entitlements will also be made to help the State tide over their temporary Ways & Means difficulties. No other type of assistance is proposed to be given to the State during the current financial year.

[*Translation*]

Allocation of Amount to Rajasthan from Central Road Fund

2608. SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated to Rajasthan from the Central Road Fund during the last three years;

(b) the details of amount sanctioned for different projects; and

(c) the target fixed for construction of roads in Rajasthan and the details regarding the allocation proposed to be made from the Central Road Fund during the Eighth Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The amounts allocated to Rajasthan from Central Road Fund during last three years are as under:-

Year	*Amount allocated (Rs. in lakhs)*
1988-89	15.00
1989-90	161.00
1990-91	207.00

(b) Projects costing Rs. 22.00 crores were sanctioned during the period comprising of 56 road projects of Rs. 2003.00 lakhs and 5 bridge projects of Rs.285.00 lakhs subject to actual augmentation of Central Road Fund.

(c) The allocation proposed to be made during the 8th Plan period for Rajasthan will depend upon actual augmentation of Central Road Fund which is yet to take place. The targets of the State Government for construction of these works will also depend upon the actual allocations made from year to year.

Setting up of Madhya Pradesh High Court Bench at Bhopal

2609. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VARMA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state: